

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-8**

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS  
FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS  
COMMENCING WITH THE 2017 BOARD ELECTION**

84 September 6, 2016

  
LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**WHEREAS;** the current date for election of Governing Board members (“Board”) of the Newhall County Water District (“District”) is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g. the next election is scheduled for November 2017) (Elections Code Section 10404(a)); and

**WHEREAS;** statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g. the next statewide general election is scheduled for November 2016) (Elections Code Section 1001); and

**WHEREAS;** the District is located entirely within Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS;** Senate Bill 415, approved by the Governor in September 2015, prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date commencing January 2018; and

**WHEREAS;** three (3) of the local Santa Clarita Valley School Districts (Saugus School District, Sulphur Springs School District and the Santa Clarita Community College District (College of the Canyons)) and the City of Santa Clarita have successfully rescheduled their elections to even years; and

**WHEREAS;** generally, voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including special water board member elections; and

**WHEREAS;** the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the water Board election; and

**WHEREAS;** the Board believes that rescheduling to “even-year elections” may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the water Board election; and

**WHEREAS;** it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2017 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to “even-year elections” in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS;** as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

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**WHEREAS**; while the Board recognizes there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's election with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision, however, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Board recognizes the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 10404(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval for the change by the Board of Supervisors of all the affected county(ies); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested the new election date be moved from November 2017 to November 2018 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code Section 10404(i) [refer to Exhibit A].

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above recitals are true and correct; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Newhall County Water District Board of Directors adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California state general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary will notify the Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(f).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to November 2018 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2017 will be extended to November 2018 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District's Board Secretary or her designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

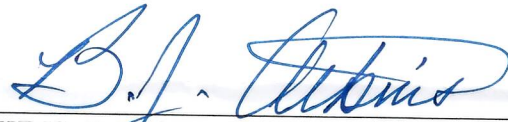
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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District held on July 14, 2016, Resolution No. 2016-8 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Directors ATKINS, GUTZEIT, MORTENSEN, PLAMBECK

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors COLLEY



BJ ATKINS, President,  
Board of Directors of the  
Newhall County Water District

ATTEST:



Rochelle Patterson  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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**NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**EXHIBIT A**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Current Election Year</b>	<b>New Election Year</b>
B. J. Atkins	2017	2018
Kathy Colley	2017	2018
Maria Gutzeit	2017	2018
Daniel Mortensen	2019	2020
Lynne Plambeck	2019	2020